

REMARKS

In view of the above amendments and following remarks, Applicants request favorable reconsideration of the above-identified application.

Claims 1-6 and 8 are now pending in this application, with Claim 1 being the sole independent claim. By this Amendment, Applicants have amended the specification and Claim 1, and canceled Claim 7. No new matter has been added.

The specification has been amended to incorporate terms more generally used in the art. Specifically, references to a “clockwise circular” polarization have been changed to a “right-handed circular” polarization. Neither the scope of the specification nor the description of the invention have been modified.


Claims 1-6 and 8 have been rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over U.S. Patent No. 6,266,141 (Morita) in view of that which the Examiner believes is well-known in the art. Applicants would like to thank the Examiner for acknowledging that Claim 7 contains allowable subject matter. While Claim 7 is herein canceled, independent Claim 1 now recites the features from Claim 7 indicated in the Office Action as being allowable. Accordingly, Applicants submit that the independent Claim 1 is allowable over the cited art.

The remaining claims in the application are dependent claims, each of which depend from Claim 1. Thus, each pending claim in this application is also patentable over Morita.

Accordingly, Applicants request withdrawal of the outstanding rejection under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a), and the timely issue of a Notice of Allowance.

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